



Learning at Your Fingertips

Life Hacks 2.0



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Overview

Life Hacks aren't just some creative ways to find uses for normal household items, they can truly transform our lives. This edition of Life Hacks includes more detailed personal hacks that can help you in your personal life.



Parenting Life Hacks

1. When the kids get too big for a crib, change it into a desk. Take out the mattress. Next, take one side out, and keep it for another kid or throw it out. Measure the size of the mattress, then find a chalkboard that fits. Add any hooks for supplies you want.



Parenting Life Hacks

2. Keep kids from locking themselves in the bathroom. Tie a rubber band over the latch. Make an eight shape, then hook it over each knob.



Parenting Life Hacks

3. To keep little feet from getting hurt on trampoline springs, cover them with pool noodles. Cut each pool noodle into quarters, then cut down one side of the noodle. It doesn't have to be straight, but it helps if it is. This method also adds some bling to the trampoline!



Parenting Life Hacks

4. Put a laundry basket with small-ish holes in the bathtub when your child is bathing so that the toys won't float away. This also provides a backrest your child can lean against, and sides to hold onto.



Parenting Life Hacks

5. Cover a play table in oilcloth to create a water-resistant outdoor picnic table. Buy a roll of oilcloth or plastic, and duct tape it to the table. You could also simply cover it with duct tape.



Parenting Life Hacks

6. Make a fort or a makeshift changing room out of a sheet and a hula hoop. Fold the sheet in half, and loop it over the top of the hula hoop. Tie it to a tree to keep it standing up.



Parenting Life Hacks

7. Stick a dropper through a pacifier that you've cut the 'pull' off of to give medicine to babies. The baby will want to suck on it, and will not realize it is medicine. Make sure to completely clean the pacifier before giving it back to the baby.



Parenting Life Hacks

8. Make a baby hammock using a sheet. Turn the sheet diagonally, then tie the ends over the table. Tie the other ends over the baby to help avoid falling babies.



Parenting Life Hacks

9. Make a bracelet with your phone number on it for your child. Whenever you go out in public with your child, have them wear the bracelet. If they ever get lost they can use the number on the bracelet to call for help.



Parenting Life Hacks

10. Place a pool noodle under the sheets of a bed for kids who fall down. Place each pool noodle at the edge of the bed. Cover and tighten their bed with a sheet. Whenever you child is close to falling down they won't, because of the protection of the pool noodle(s).



Parenting Life Hacks

11. Use an inflatable pool as a playpen. Cover it with a blanket, and fill it with toys and pillows. The best type to buy is one with an inflatable bottom as to provide a soft space even when the baby walks.



School Life Hacks

1. If you have a school that blocks websites such as Youtube, going into Chrome's "Incognito" mode will let you bypass that. Avoid using it too often, as then your secret will be out, and you will not be able to use it again.



School Life Hacks

2. To ace a test, review the hardest material before going to bed. Going to sleep right away consolidates the memory. Avoid cramming, but study hard!



School Life Hacks

3. Chewing the same flavor of gum you did while studying will help you remember the topic. When you clearly remember something (such as watermelon gum), you also remember what you were studying at the time.



School Life Hacks

4. Make double written notes. When you have a limit to one note card, fill up the entire index card with red ink. Then write over it with blue ink. Wear red/blue 3-D glasses and depending on what you want to read, close the corresponding eye. This is completely following the rules.



School Life Hacks

5. Use a dollar bill as a ruler. Left your ruler at home but have a dollar bill on hand? Use that to measure instead. A dollar bill is about six inches long. Use with caution, and only use for approximate measurements.



Electronic Life Hacks

2. Use binder clips to fix a broken keyboard stand. Bend the clip to the two shiny extensions are facing opposite, then stick the black head into the square hole in the back. This should keep your keyboard tilted slightly downwards.



Electronic Life Hacks

3. Use binder clips to organize your cords. Clip them to the side of the table (or computer, book, etc.) Most of the commercially available cords have heads that are larger than the tops of the clips, so this should work with most, if not all of your cords. Say goodbye to the jumbled mess of tangled cords!



Electronic Life Hacks

4. Use toilet rolls to organize cords in a box.

For smaller cords, you can simply stick them inside a roll all tied up, and they'll stay there. Larger cords can use them as "loop holders". This is a great way to organize extension cords, chargers, headphone cords, or any other cords you may have.



Electronic Life Hacks

5. Put your phone in a cup to boost the alarm sound. Tired of sleeping past your alarm? This will make the sound much louder. It's the same principle as using a cup for a speaker. Put the phone so the speaker is face down.



Electronic Life Hacks

6. Use an old cassette tape case as a stand for your iPhone or other smartphone. Fold the lid backwards, and place the case upside down. Bigger smartphones, such as the iPhone 6/6+, Galaxy Note 4 and the Nexus 6 may not fit.



Shopping Life Hacks

1. Get a refund on Amazon. If you buy something, and the price went down within 30 days, they will refund the amount it went down. Email them by going to the customer service link.



Shopping Life Hacks

2. When shopping without kids, trace their feet before you go out. Cut out these traces. If they fit in the shoe, then your child's feet will too.



Shopping Life Hacks

3. If buying from Apple, add something to your cart, but don't buy it. Leave it there for 7-10 days. By then, they will give you a 15-20% discount.



Shopping Life Hacks

4. When shopping online for plane tickets, clear your cache. Airline companies will see what you're searching and raise prices. You can save \$50.



Shopping Life Hacks

5. Carry all your bags up the stairs in one trip using a 'Mommy Hook'. Many people are physically capable of carrying all of the bags, except the plastic digs into their hands. With the hook, it provides a soft surface to hold onto.



Shopping Life Hacks

6. Instead of buying expensive canvases for your kids to paint on, use a clean pizza box. Many companies are willing to give an extra pizza box. The ones that are colored white (like from Domino's) work the best, but any colored one does well.



Miscellaneous Life Hacks

1. If you're out camping, and can't find any kindling, use Doritos. When you're in the middle of nowhere, and have limited supplies of kindling, Doritos make great kindling. Cheetos, Fritos, and the others like that also burn well. The reason they burn is because it's basically pure hydrocarbons (which burn) soaked in fat (which burns). Maybe another life hack would be to stop eating them?



Miscellaneous Life Hacks

2. To stop popsicles from dripping on your kid's hands, use a cupcake holder by punching the handle of the popsicle through the center. This quick and easy method only requires one holder. The ones with foil on the edges work best, but any type will do.



Miscellaneous Life Hacks

3. Tie extension cords to keep them from unplugging. Tie them in a knot first, then plug in the ends. This should keep one end from pulling out.



Miscellaneous Life Hacks

4. Keep your valuables safe at the beach by hiding them inside a sunscreen bottle. Use all the sunscreen, then clean out the bottle by rinsing it, putting it in the dishwasher, or soaking it to get rid of all the oils. Make sure to use an inconspicuous bottle so you don't attract attention.



Miscellaneous Life Hacks

5. If a bee ever lands on you, blow on it instead of slapping or shooing it. That way, the bee will not feel as threatened to sting. When being blown, bees will most likely think the wind is moving.



Miscellaneous Life Hacks

6. If you forgot your spoon, use the foil on the lid. Roll the foil into a line, then unravel the end, making it into a spoon shape.



Miscellaneous Life Hacks

7. Put your phone under an empty Gatorade bottle (or any liquid of similar properties). Unlock your smartphone's screen, or use a flashlight app if desired. Place the phone beneath the Gatorade bottle. Your surrounding environment should immediately become much brighter, thanks to the bottle's light-distributing qualities.



Miscellaneous Life Hacks

The Gatorade bottle will send your phone's light beams out in a wider range, helping to illuminate a larger-than-expected sized area around itself. You can use a full bottle of Gatorade and create colored lights.



Summary

These Life Hacks may have you look like a genius to your friends. This is a benefit, however, the real benefit comes with how easy these can make your life. Life Hacks come in a variety of shapes and sizes. Find the ones that you like the best.

